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ALVARADO - Ugarte

OLC 78-1065/40
12 June 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Shepanek
O/SA/DO/O

FROM : Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Cynthia Cooper regarding Mexico City cable traffic.

2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.

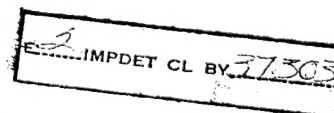
3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

Rodger S. Gabrielson
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Attachment

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~~press release re: negs~~

Cynthia Cooper
6-9

ZAVCIV

To Mexico 11-22 cto 84802
use all your facilities to follow
& report soviet embassy activity & reaction
during these hours.

To Mexico 11-23 84821
send staffer w/ all photos of Oswald
to HQ's next available flight.

To Mexico 11-23 84837
asked for following info on Kostikov
- travels
- whereabouts 11-22 and activities in Nov
- names & legend of contacts
- future contacts
- unusual activities involving KGB
or Soviet Personnel from 11-30 November

To Mexico 11-23 84880
Kostikov traveled in Sept
w/ Ivan Larionov Gelfer (who in close
contact w/ Cuban consul)

Mexico 11-23 84916

Arrest of Duran could prejudice
Oswald's freedom of action on entire
question of FBRUMEN responsibility.
Arrest should be kept secret, facts
of or content should not be leaked
especially to leftist circles in
Mexican govt.

Mexico 11-23 84917

ref. 84916 Keep legal attacks fully
informed

18+19 M.S.S. 19

Mexico 11-24 84920

Hdq - Questioned what exactly Oswald's
travel plans to Cuba and ~~from~~ Russia
were. Was he leaving immediately
or going to return (to states of
Sug - Duran should be questioned very
carefully on this point.

Mexico 11-24 84921

5 license plates # and persons belonging
to - having to do w/ Duran.

P { Mexico 11-25 84926

Request of cable summary of info on
Duran. Also request Altamir Nune
be questioned as to his knowledge on
SNO contacts w/ Cuban & Soviet Embassies

Mexico 11-25 84952

Obtain and cable reports or
statements on Duran & husband.

Mexico 11-27 85178

- 1) Mann's message~~d~~ relayed to addressee decision (on what?) will be cabled to you after they confer, 11-27 probably.
- 2) - Suggested contact made w/Alvarado's Nic. case officer, whether he had mentioned story to him.
- 3) No action to re-arrest Duran or others w/out approval.

Mexico 11-27 85198

1. Analyse and investigate Alvarado's story further before more action.

2. Note Alvarado's claim still in Nicaraguan service although Managua's belief they was dropped 8-63.

3. Rusk and Hoover might have recommendations on this problem after further consideration.

The explanation for gaps is that all cables sent by the director were in the same number series.

Mexico 11-27 85245

1. Justice Dept. will be preparing a report on assassinations and will want info. on Oswald's activities in Mexi. Cannot compromise Lienvoy but Duran's statements essentially the same so pls. send translated version of her statements.

Mexico 11-27 85258

2. Odenry says -

Oswald applied for unemployment 9-17
He is checking airlines.

Left N.O. 9-25 for TX w/out paying
rent.

3. Above further reason not to believe
Alvarado.

Mexico 11-27 85318 re: Men 7101

1. These instructions coordinated w/
Odacid and Odenry.

2. Mexican authorities should interrogate
Duran to extent necessary to clarify
outstanding points which have been
raised by your cables last 48 hrs.

You may provide questions but there
will be no contact between Duran
& Americans.

Mexico 11-27 55371

Rearrest of Duran should not
be associated w/Americans - ~~Mexicans~~
"We want Mexican Authorities to take
responsibility for whole affair."

Mexico 11-27 85391

Info from Odenry re: licence
plates reference

belonging to J. Morgan Daniels

J. Mermine Duarte Martins.

Mexico 11-27 85469 Mepi
re: 7104

2. Have discussed 7104 with Alexis Johnson. Wants Mann to know that requested ~~into~~ instructions will probably not be forthcoming prior 11-28. Odemog has jurisdiction in Wash. Both Odacid & Kubark attempting to follow wishes.

3. There is a feeling in 3 agencies Mann is pushing case too hard re: para 5-7104. Will cause flap with Cubans. Johnson sent Odacid channels to Mann to give better perspective.

Mexico 11-27 85616

In the face of mounting evidence it appears that Alvarado's story is a fabrication. Urge you follow up with his Nic. case officer.

Coincidence that Dorticos and Alvarado talk of money paid to Oswald not remarkable.

Interrogators of Alvarado must:

1. probe deeply into makeup
2. be sympathetic
3. promise "face saving secrecy" and specious hopes of future cooperation

Mepi 11-28 85653

Proved Oswald was in NO 9-19 with this info clear that Alvarado is a fabricator and psychiatric help could be suggested.

Mexico 11-28

85654

Story of bank deposit by Oswald of \$600 could be misleading and give support to Alvarado. But story is uncorroborated. Pls. do not assume this office is in possession of facts known to Odenry or Dallas. Odenry has requested full info on this story from US Official.

Mexico

11-28

85655

re: 85469

Do not discontinue or let down your investigation - We have not excluded the possibility of involvement by as yet unknown persons.

Mexico

11-28

85661

Do not turn Alvarado over to Mexicans. Odenry has been asked for opinion on this matter.

Advise if Odenry in Mexi attempts to get you to act on turning Alvarado over to Mexicans.

Mexico 11-28

85663

Odenry requests Kubark turn Alvarado over to Mexican police.

Mexicans will be requested to administer polygraph.

Mexico

11-28

85667

re: 7120

no fluent Spanish speaking flutter man available.

Mexico 11-29 85669
Cathyroid 3 should go to
Mexico - can be used as consultant
to Mexicans

Mexico 11-29 85672
Request for continual updates on
Duran & Alvarado interviews.

Mexico 11-29 85712
Time is of essence in reporting
what Mexicans are learning from
Alvarado & Duran. Up to know
we have been forwarding messages
to Odemy. Pls give info immediately
to Odemy Mexico City and they
will cable Odemy Wags.

Mexico 11-30 86064
Heard Alvarado confessed he lied
Cable details of interrogation.
"what threats, promises, inducements
and tactics used by Atens?" "Was
Alvarado physically mistreated?" "Much?"
Did Alvarado hear false story of bank
deposit? Urge Nic. not to do away
w/ him. Question of Oswald
acting solely on own still unanswered.

Mexico 12-3 86563
Alvarado will be polygraphed due to
retraction of confession. 7203

we do not want him returned to Nicaragua till he is fluttered. Arrange w/ Litempos to release Alvarado to us for few days.

2. Pablo Davis of Kusod will arrive 12-4. Do not blow him and prefer Mexicans not be aware of plans to flutter Alvarado. Davis will be in charge of flutter.

Clark Anderson will act as interpreter so he can testify at later hearings.

Alvarado should not be in fear of bodily harm and should be fed and rested. The question of him returning to Nicaragua should be open, this gives flutter man maximum maneuvering room.

Mexico 86621 12-4

Plan and progress for Alvarado flutter good. Else hotel. Idea of 2 Spanish speaking interrogators good.

Mexico 86659 12-4

Arrival plans for Davis

Mexico 12-5

86976

Did Davis get through customs alright?

Mexico 12-7

87666

Alvarado will be returned to the Nicaragua - story is a hoax. Avoid anything which would induce

and to this end

Alvarado to resume fabrication
We request Mexican + Nicaraguan
authorities take no punitive actions.

Mexico 12-12 88642

Odenry wishes to wind up
analysis of case and needs the
results of interrogation of Duran
& Husband during second arrest.
We conjecture she may not have
be interrogated.

Mexico 12-12 88650

Do not erase the Cuban +
Soviet tapes made between 11-22 and
present.

Mexico 12-16 89366

In para 2 Duran states
Aparicio has a telephone - 141299.
Who is Aparicio and is that
his number?
Dls. have monitors identify voices
of various Soviets to whom Oswald
or Duran speak w/on the telephone

Mexico 12-20 90466

Present plan an passing info to
W.C. is to eliminate mention of telephone
taps in order to protect your continuing
ops. But will rely on Duran statements
and Soviet files on Oswald.

Director 11-23 67190

Mexi suggest to Litemps 2 that Duran be arrested immediately and held incommunicado.

Director 11-23 67236
- Arrest of Duran (notification of)

Director 11-24 67252
in 1-63 Duran seen in 2 cars w/ Texas Plates.

Director 11-24 67261
1. Oswald entered Nuevo Laredo on 9-26
2. Left by auto 10-3-63

Director 11-24 67262
Mann was very pleased re: 84917 about arrest of Duran but hopes Washington can decide leak

Director 11-24- 67278
Cerverria told COS Duran completely cooperative.

Director 11-24 67378
re: content of Duran interview
nothing new

Director 11-26 68291
Station office & security officers
are interviewing Alvarado. Request
traces on Alvarado.

Director 11-26 68376
cable gives account of Alvarado's
story.

Director 11-26 68400
from Mann
for McCone, Rusk & Hoover
Mann with compliance from
Schoo and Anderson suggests
confronting Duran w/ Alvarado.
3. "If she did break under
interrogation and we suggest Mexicans
should be asked to go all out in
seeing that she does"

Director 11-27 68496
1. Mann has asked State
that Odenry office be sent for
briefing off U.S. angle of case.

Director 11-27 68542
Mann feels not fully briefed
on Oswald/Rubinstein case.
Chief Odenry in Mexi feels this
might be interpreted as a lack of
confidence in him

COA feels chief Odenry one of best
and most cooperative and
Mann has expressed satisfaction
with Chief Odenry many times.

But Odenry should send officer
to satisfy Mann unless Johnson
can convince Mann that she is
receiving all information.

Director 11-27 68530

Alvarado's story being checked
thoroughly. He reinterviewed in
greatest detail, has been moved to
safe address. Close surveillance
put on Duran as of 11-26 by
Cheverria.

Director 11-27 69127

Alvarado reinterviewed 11-26.
Identified photos of Cuban consulate
personnel not by name but by
height, duties, skin coloring, disposition,
etc.

Reenacted passing of money
Spoke of background.

Director 11-27 69 between 69131-69147

Duran has been rearrested because
trying to leave Mexico for Cuba.

Director 11-27 69225
from Mann

1. In taped telephone ~~conv~~ conversation Armas & Portico, Portico again expressed concern that the Mexican police had questioned Duran about money.

2. Alvarado questioned again. Wealth of detail makes story striking.

3. Chevarria later denied to legal attache that he had any concrete evidence that Duran was about to go to Cuba. Contradictory statements made are explained (by desire of government of Mexi to play down importance of Oswald visit there). Chevarria stated Portico only wanted to know if Mexicans tried to pay Duran for story. Suggest ~~they~~ Mexican authorities advise. Rycue Luisa Calderon and Alfredo Mirabel.

Director 11-27 69310

Seems that Alvarados story only proves he's been in Cuban embassy. Asks for (Nic) Jerez to be present to put Nicaraguan weight with no questions.

Director 11-28 69620

Request authorization to turn Alvarado over to Litempos w/ brief explanation. w/ approval

Explanation includes that he plans to travel to Cuba w/fake Mexican papers "Latter point alone gives Mexicans good reason to subject him to detailed interrogation" of turnover station would plan no further contact with Alvarado.

Director 11-28 @9636

Durans reaction at Cuban embassy after interrogation said had been threatened with extradition to US to face Oswald but was unimpaired.

Neither L-7 or L-9 had any knowledge of Oswald being in the Cuban Embassy at any time.

Director 11-28 69659 re: 85371
The second pickup of Duran by
Gov. initiative shows Mexicans desire
to cooperate. Chevarria received
instructions from Litensor not to
release until Curtis said so. At
HQ request Curtis furnished questions.
Decision re. release must be
Mexicans.

Director 11-28 69670
Request for Spanish speaking
flatter man, if Alvarado agrees.

Director 11-28 69676
Mexicans are pleased to pick
up Alvarado for questioning. Unless
something new turns up in his
interrogation or Duran's she
will be released during night
of 11-28 or early 11-29.
Chevarria advised the Mexican
Government refused to pick up accept
the note given to Amb. Bogues
in Havana by Cuban Foreign
Minister - Raul Raso.

Director 11-29 70103
Duran released 1900 hrs 11-28
She still appears to Mexicans only
involved w/ Oswald for business

Director

1. Litemps 4 11-29 70145
11:30 hrs. Alvarado gives same story Mexicans as given to Station. Except failed to identify picture of Purdu

2. Interrogation continues. Alvarado till now suave, has begun to get tougher

3. Alvarado gives same story as report he is in Mexico.

4. Litemps 4 does not believe story and will try to "break"

Director

11-30 70530

1. Litemps 4 (very intelligent officer) says: talked w/ Alvarado

1 hr morning 11-29

3 hrs afternoon 11-29

2. First session Litemps 4 thought Alvarado telling "fantastic" lie. After second session and all Litemps Alvarado sticking to story. Either telling the truth essentially or he is the best liar I have talked to in ~~the~~ many years and I have talked to some of the best. Litemps inclined to believe Alvarado but believes he is mixed up on dates.

* Thyroid 3 appears to have just expired and not seen Litemps 4 yet.

Note - between 70530 and 70860
there is no mention of further interrogation
or meetings between Litempo 4 and Cthyrroid 3.
Director 11-30 70860

1. Litempo 4 & Cthyrroid 3 met evening of
11-29 "unofficially" and C³ reported
on Alvarado's Background. He told
Litempo 4 that Alvarado has been
"75% accurate" in his reporting and had
had access and furnished good information
on communism in past. He said, however,
that Alvarado inclined "to go off on
his own" at times and impossible
control.

2. At 1030 hours 11-30 Litempo 4
reported to COS that Alvarado has
signed a statement saying that
story of seeing Oswald (inside Cuban
Embassy is completely false. Did
not call the U.S. Embassy on 9-28
first call was 9-25

3. Part about wanting false Mexican
documentation and go to Cuba
for sabotage training is true

4. Motive was to get U.S. to take
action against ~~the~~ Castro.

the time mixup is this
70530 slated 2135 11-29.

Director 12-2 71902

1. Cithyroid 3 saw Alvarado first time 12-2 and reverted to previous story. Did call PB SWING to report (PBBWING invid. does not support. He was threatened ~~by~~ ^{with} hanging by testicles.

2. Alvarado not their agent when visited Cuban Embassy according to CB

3. Reported that Alvarado was being deported and E3 would be able to interrogate him fully.

Director 12-3 72684

Mann sent cable to Johnson advising him of Alvarado's story. Recommends Kulark & Odenry send flutter operator to Managua to interrogate Alvarado.

Director 12-3 72877

(12-5) 1. Chevarria agrees to send Alvarado to COS

2. Questioning held either safehouse or hotel - Please advise.

3. Clark Anderson or Joe Garcia will act as interpreter.

4. Request Cithyroid 3 be advised by ops. in Mexico to stay

Director 12-5 74273

1. Peter K Woodhead arrived and got through customs no problem.
2. Interrogation held Apt #3 Calle Merida 166

Anderson alone will interpret for Woodhead.

Director 12-6 74696

1. Alvarado bitter at Mexicans and embassy for turning him over

2. Question of flutter not yet broached. Migration inspectors taking him out for a good meal tonight in hopes of prolonging upswing of ~~the~~ rapport reached toward end of session

Director 12-7 75571

Orthypoid 3 returning Managua 12-7

Director 12-7 75588

Flutter shows subject fabricating story

Alvarado returning Managua 12-8

Director 12-10 77704

6 Tapes of Alvarado being
pouched and sent 12-10.

Director 12-12 79373

Duran during second interrogation
that

no affiliation w/ Soviet Embassy
or CCP

remembered Oswald perfectly well
no glasses

Knew of no red headed negro
had no plans to go to Cuba.